

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 999
By Brooks (Knox)

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Janice Loy Walker, on her selection as Assistant Principal of the Year by the Tennessee Association of Secondary School Principals.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding individuals who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Janice Loy Walker is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Assistant Principal of Gibbs High School, Mrs. Walker has recently been selected Assistant Principal of the Year by the Tennessee Association of Secondary School Principals, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as an educator and administrator as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, after graduating as Valedictorian of Halls High School, Mrs. Walker furthered her pursuit of knowledge and earned her Bachelor's degree and her Master's degree from the University of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Walker has taught with acumen and alacrity in the Knox County School System for thirty-six exemplary years, a career in education that began at Powell High School before she became an integral part of the teaching staff at Gibbs High School; and

WHEREAS, prior to her service as Assistant Principal, Mrs. Walker taught Math and was the sponsor of the school Annual; and

WHEREAS, described by Principal James Pryor as "a diligent administrator whose main concern is the students of Gibbs High School," Mrs. Walker is primarily responsible for the Special Education program and assuring that the best interests of those students are served, as well as handling staff development on in-service days and preparing the staff for evaluations such as SACS or OCR; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her astute service as Assistant Principal, Mrs. Walker continues to tutor math students; and

WHEREAS, described by parent Debbie Anderson as "the champion for those students who are lost, uninformed, or disadvantaged," Mrs. Walker is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate the staff and students of Gibbs High School to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Janice Walker truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, aspiring to advance her community, Mrs. Walker lends her support to Reach for Recovery as a volunteer who counsels breast cancer survivors; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Walker is an active and important part of Salem Baptist Church and served as Chair of the Building Committee; and

WHEREAS, her many professional accomplishments aside, Mrs. Walker is most appreciative of the love, support, and companionship she shares with her husband, Dale; they are the proud parents of three daughters; and

WHEREAS, Janice Walker truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Janice Loy Walker on being chosen as Assistant Principal of the Year by the Tennessee Association of Secondary School Principals, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.